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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2002, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II, claims 13-19 for prosecution in the subject application.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

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